"EVEN SO IT IS NOT THE WILL OF YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN THAT ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES SHOULD PERISH."
Matt. xviii. 14.

World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

Department of Juvenile Work.

SUPERINTENDENT, (MISS) ANNA A. GORDON.
OFFICE,
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

Nov 1 1891

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother:
I start
for Boston tonight.
Will do my best
to get a church
for you to speak in
Alaska Sunday aft
Nov. 15. Will let you
hear. I wished he were
for you to come to
Convention if possible.
Yours sincerely Frances E. Willard

My address:
Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

for me to write it, I trust you will pardon me.

The girls tell me that you promised to invite them to spend a part of their vacation in Washington, sometime before they went home. Now I do not feel sure whether that was really your purpose or not, but as I wish to plan where they will spend the approaching X mas holidays - I thought I would frankly write you about it -

Blanche & Flora will
probably be here this
next vacation only. The
other will doubtless be
here longer. We have a
vacation at Xmas and
one at Easter - but I
suppose the Xmas one is
the only one which would
accommodate all four of
the girls. I do not know
whether, if you wished them
to come at all, you would prefer
them all together or not.
Will you kindly
write me about it - and

frankly express your wishes - I did not wish to intrude - but simply to know how to plan.

Every one is busy —

Yours very cordially,

Adeline F. Pettee

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL ARTS,
World's Columbian Exposition,
CHICAGO.

Chicago, Nov. 2nd, 1891.

Hon. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to present to you the following queries:

1. In your opinion, should the exhibit of Education made at the Columbian Exposition be (a) one of National form, chosen so far as possible, to present only the best examples which the United States can offer, irrespective of state lines or systems; or, (b) should the automomy of the state be recognized, each state being invited to present in the most concise form, its own Educational work?

2. If reasonable space can be given in one of the great buildings of the Exposition, will the Territory of Alaska contribute its quota in one or other of these ways?

3. If your territory were to make a collective exhibit as suggested in (b) above, how much space would it absolutely <u>require</u> for the purpose?

4. Would such an exhibit be under your immediate supervision?

5. What is your judgment as to the public demand that the Department of Liberal Arts, in which Education has by far the largest section, should have a building for itself, in area or importance not less than the buildings provided for Agriculture, Mines, Electricity, Transportation, etc.?

As these questions relate to subjects yet under consideration, your <u>early</u> reply is earnestly solicited. Even if you cannot make an exact estimate of the space which you deem necessary, an approximate estimate may assist in judging of the aggregate requirement.

Any suggestions which you have to make will be cordially and thankfully received.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant,

Selim H. Peabody

Chief, Department Liberal Arts.

Auburndale, Mass.
Nov. 5, 1891

Dear Dr Jackson:

Miss Bessie Gordon of this village, is in preparations for the Convention. She can secure a church for Nov. 15 for you to present in Boston the Condition of Alaska. She will work with you. I am here totally invisible and hard at work. Yours Sincerely

Frances Willard

I am sorry to say there is no money in this for any who speak for the Convention.

Rev. H. L. Hoffman, D.D.
1317 N. Broad St.
Philadelphia.

Nov. 6th 1891.

My dear Dr. Jackson;

There was held this P.M a meeting of our Foreign Missionary Board or rather of its Executive Committee. And I was deputed to write to you requesting you very earnestly to meet the Committee at such time as may be convenient to you, with the view of enlightening their minds as to the prospects of establishing a religious influence on

St Lawrence Island - what your impressions were of the place & people & how the reindeer scheme was working. The Genl. Council in May last made quite a change in the "make up" of our Board Dr. Howard & Lynch & Rev Mr. Tracy are "not in it" now.

This much I can say that the new men Mr. Morton & Mr. Allen are favorably inclined to the work.

I recd from the U.S. Government this morning the check for $1000 and I at once forward you my check for $1150 covering amount due you -

Yours Sincerely

A. L. Hoffman

Juneau, Alaska, November 7 1891

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro

I see by an envelope in your hand writing containing Census Bulletin that you are again in the united States and I suppose a letter addressed to the Bureau of education will reach you I have not heard from you since you had the grip you intended going to Boston and said you would see about the Manuscript of story of Yakk I believe you were unable to go. I have never heard what was done with the manuscript. Please let me know and if It is not wanted by publishers I would like to have it.

I wish you had come through Juneau I wished to see you about school matters also concerning the survey of mission lands held under the organic act. Is it necessary to have an official survey made as in case of patent?

All are well and join in sending kind regards to you all Fraternally

Eugene S. Willard

Sitka, Alaska, Novr. 7th 1891.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:-

My dear sir:-

I arrived here on the 30th ult. from Onalaska, having left San Francisco on Sept. 10th and arrived at Sand Ppint on Oct 10th. We were just thirty days between Frisco and Sand Point.

I saw four of the reindeer you brought down, at Onalaska and they were looking well. Three of the large ones had gotten out of the barn and were running at large on the island. Ther were seen every day or do, and seemed to be doing well.

I suppose you have heard that I was appointed Inspector of Public Buildings in Alaska. I asked for the appointment for only three months, as I wanted to get back to Washington by the time Congress convened. I was so long getting here, that I can not possibly get through by the first of Novr. I want to thoroughly inspect all the buildings here so as to make a complete report of their exact condition; something I believe which has not been done before, and I believe sufficient money can be had of the new Congress to put them in good condition. I have the wharf here also to report on, the building at Juneau to look after (the court-house

and jail) the public buildings at Wrangle and Tongas and also the new building at Mary Island. I have just asked that I be allowed t two months longer to complete my work, or that my appointment be extended to Feby. first. I wrote directly to Supervising Architect Edbrooke, and have also asked Mr. Lind, M. C., from Minnesota to see him in reference to the matter. I also suggested that he see Sect'y. Crounse if necessary. May I trouble you to see tham? I think it will be merely a matter of form only, but I want to be wired to Juneau on the return of the boat that takes my application down if possible.

I saw Captain Healy, and got a good deal of information about your trip. Sorry your health was not first rate this summer.

I must tell you that I saw Edy Healey a few days ago. He told me that Petrooff told him when here a few months ago, that the reason he was not appointed Special Agent in my place, was that Dr. Jackson had told Porter he was a confirmed drunkard and totally unfit for the place. It appears that Purser Curtis and some one else heard him make the statement, and it was not long before it got noised around. It of course made Healy feel sore. I assured him that you could not possibly have made such a statement for I remembered that you spoke well of him to me after the matter was finally settled, and especially of his qualifications; that he

spoke the Thlinket language and Chinook, had a good boat &c; also until some time after the matter was finally settled in my favor, you did not know he was the man Petroff had selected, as the name sent to Porter was "E. J. Holly." I hope you will not be annoyed by this matter, for it seems to be pretty well believed up here that Petroff is at tomes crazy or maliciously viscious.

I hope to see you by the first of Feby. I suppose you were glat to get back home, and trust that your summers trip was all you anticipated. I hope to be able to make a trip into the Arctic next summer myself.

If you should write, a letter sent to me to Juneau will reach me.

Very truly yours,

Miner W. Bruce

Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions

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Nov 7/91

Dear Dr Jackson.

I am very anxious to find out who pays the money for Edward Marsden's education at Marietta & what the poor boy has to live on. I suppose you have seen him since your return. How large is he. does he need clothes or helps? I know Dr Eaton has left the College & I am wondering who cares for him now.

I am sure you will

tell me about him.
For various reasons I am
quite interested in him.
It ought not to feel desolate
if I can at best be
but a national life.

With sincere regard
Yours truly
Kate F. Bryan

Nov 7/98

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 7, 1891.

Rev. SHELDON JACKSON, D.D.

BUREAU of EDUCATION,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

My Dear Doctor;

I am sorry you could not give us more information regarding the need of repairs at Haines. We shall have to write someone in Alaska for more particulars. We decided yesterday to lay the matter of a Minister for Klawock before the Board at its next meeting. In the meanwhile, will you tell us something about the place, the number of people whom he would reach, whether there any buildings, and what other, if any, expenses there would be beyond the $500 which we would need to pay him as salary. Please send us these soon, as the Board meets on the 24th inst.

If you wish to have the matter of a home like that of Mr. & Mrs. Willard at Haines, placed before the School Committee, please write it up on a separate sheet of paper, and give us all the facts in regard to that, and we will consider that also at our next meeting.

Yours truly,

Doc. Sec.

Delia.
Nov 8th
'91

Dear Miss Dr Jackson,

I cannot express to you my surprise and delight to receive by the last "Elsie" from the Westward — a large box full of curios — with ten splendid dolls — — Thank you — so very much — and next time you come to Chicago I hope we shall be settled there and welcome you under

our own proof — and you will see how I treasure my far Westward curios. —

We were all sorry not to see you here on the Elsie — as we all expected you. —

Alaska is dreadfully dull — The new Superintendent at the Mission only remained two weeks — I think he found many things that needed his attention in the east — as after the Kelly went away — a great many uprisings had bubbled! I think a few changes up there would help the religious element —!

Dr Irving wants to run almost every thing! He tried to jaff poor Lillie Paul to

resign so he could put that big sister in law of his in - but Dr Austin - initiated Mr Docking before it was too late - & Lillie was reinstated. We all like Mrs Docking very much - did not have time to get acquainted with Mr D - I hear he is going to try to have the homes heated by steam - I wish he would get a steam woman to cook in the teachers mess! or better a deaf and dumb automaton. -

You ask me if you deserve a copy of the poems - - Thank you for letting me know you cared

I thought you had read them all in the Alaskan & they would not be of interest to you -
Mr Kenealy goes away on the next boat, - We have heard the Judge has been asked to resign - but he says he will never do so - as he intends to sue the Government for four years salary. -
You may see Mr Hayden in Washington this winter - You will help him, won't you? Please see to it that we have a Christian Governor and Judges next Administration Will you!!
Oh - Mrs Cathrine Beall of Evanston - Ill - wants to know why we dont have a real live W.C.T.U. up here - and she

mentions your name - I wish you would tell her - for I am sure I cant! until the whole civil government is changed. -

— I wish a good Reading Room could be established here - & if ever I get a loaded ship into my harbor I'll build a little room on that rock next the Church - can I have it? - The marine Barracks - is finished & is a palatial edifice

Poor Mr Travis is a raving Lunatic on the Japonski estate & his

The new Naval Captain Maynard is a quiet pleasant (temperance) Gentleman —
Mr Gilmer who took Brooms place is a temperance man — also Mr Ransom the Engineer —— So you see we are filling up with respectability, getting ready for Clearlands re election
We are about to leave probably the final boat in December — I shall never regret my stay in Alasha — I like it better the longer I stay — And I

know I shall always be ready with heart and hand (and money if I have any!) to help Alaska in any & all ways.—

The Bradys are all well and seemingly happy — & will move to their new home this month.—

With my kindest regards to your Wife and Daughter — I will write Miss Jackson when we are settled in Chicago — so you will call on us as you pass by — Sincerely Yours, Hairdon

I asked for two dolls
& you sent me ten
thank you "ten times
two dolls."

J. G. Heid,
Attorney-at-Law.

Juneau, Alaska, Nov 9th, 1891

Dr Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

Inclosed I send my application to the Hon. Sec'y of the Interior for the appointment of Trustee for townsite of Juneau, Alaska. Will you have the kindness to present it to the Sec'y of the Interior with your endorsement. Kelsey & Farrell, & the Bugle stripe are trying to capture the appointment & you know the character of such "representative citizens".

I have also written to Senator Dolph with respect to the matter, if you have the time, please see him; I will also secure the help of Mr. Packinpaugh, who through his friends can be of assistance.

I have $12000. invested in Juneau, and for that reason do not want non-property holders to handle the interests of property holders, which they are now trying to do. I trust I may in some way be able to sometime return the courtesy in some way.

Respectfully J. G. Heid

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Canadian Pacific Railway
C. P. R. — N. W. Ter.
Nov. 10, 1891. nr. Medicine Hat.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:— A hasty line while en route: Jar of train makes it scarcely readable.

Am on my way to New York. While I shall not enter into particulars, suffice it to say that we must have success at S. J. S. Certain conditions will give it. I am in hurry & shall have very little time to spare. Must be in Sitka again as fast as travel will carry me there. The work needs it. After conference with the Bd's Exec. Officers I should like to see you. Write me as to where you will be between the 15th. & 22nd. of this month.—(November).

There are various reasons why I must see you & I hope in Washington. Am intensely interested in the Sitka out-look. Problem presents grand possibility. I see many things that we must hope for in aids to shaping it.

My wife and children are at Sitka occupying at present Mr. K's quarters, really yours I believe. We hoped very much to have seen you return from Arctic via Sitka, but Coll's Hatch saw your arrival & departure for East mentioned in one of San Francisco papers.

Well, hope to see you soon. Shall reach N.Y. by night train N.Y. C. & H.R. from Buffalo on 14th. Gets N.Y. very early 15th. daylight I think. My address there is c/o Jonathan Marshall, Esq., 247 Broadway.

Yours sincerely,
Alfred Docking.

a.b.

Juneau Alaska
Mon. Nov 9-1891

Rev Dr Jackson -
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir & Brother,

We fully expected to greet you on your return via Juneau. We were disappointed in this hope especially as we wished to report to you our advances, etc. Of course you know the moral pulse of the people I am preaching to every Sunday — from our log Church pulpit. Well, they are easily enlisted in entertainments for Church purposes and we have thus taken advantage even of this small gift. We have fully equipped the Church's furnishing, and

and I have now persuaded
them to enter a larger
undertaking, to buy a House.
I know we can pay for it
inside of two years - although
we are safer to take the limit
offered by the Bd.
Please examine the Application
and endorse it as Stated Clerk
or Ch. of Bd - Cir. - You
know the N. - now to see it through.
Mrs W. E. Hoyt is the Judge's wife -
and as she was a member we chose
him as trustee ~~xx~~ ~~we~~ rather than
him. We are getting along nicely
in every way. Have good audiences
and S.S. attendance. The cold snap
of Winter which is here and
I am really like the cold better
than the dreary rainfall.

The Yukon miners have returned to Juneau - in good numbers.
They brought back in an average of 1000 dols. A small rush will be made in that direction next year. The trouble with these men - they drop it - into the coffers of the Saloons' are they buy themselves a "stake" for winter.
Prize fights are held in Juneau on Sunday nights and a big brass band attracts the crowd.
This is not Spain - nor Mexico - neither a Bull fight - nor Cock fight - but human fight.
The dance & variety halls hold the balance of the week.
We pull against a strong stream But - thank God - we are encouraged.

Mr Belcrandz is one of my right hand men — and Mr Hall also. He is the one appointed to pass the singing books and take the offering up. We can't redeem some of these Eskimos we hope for the children. Have a good Sabbath School with four classes presided over by four regular teachers. In speaking on the topic of Jonah — one little fellow in the School interrupted me with the question, Mr King what was the name of the ship. He probably had well in mind the names of our bi-monthly steamers Topeka & Mexico, and of course wanted the announcement of the ship's name — for identification. Hoping you can help us in this blank application — etc — I remain yours —

In the Alaska Work

Rev J H King

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129 PULITZER BUILDING, Park Row.

New York, Nov. 10 1891

My dear Dr. Jackson

I am a thousand times obliged to you for remembering me, a mere stay-at-home; alongside your great rival in travel, Dr. Field; in your distribution of the trophies of your poetic progress!

You may be sure that

I shall always value it very highly, and should my house ever take fire (as one did near me a fortnight since & burned to the ground) I shall probably rescue my bear-skin & then return for my wife and children!

By the way, I hope it will be in order for you to tell our many interested readers, how the effort to stock Alaska with Reindeer is getting on. I am sure some of them will contribute further to the good enterprise.

Very truly John H. Dey

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132 WORLD BUILDING, Park Row, NEW-YORK.

November 10th 1891.

My dear Dr. Jackson,
What shall we do to return your kindness in remembering us so warmly? Mr. Dry is delighted and so am I. The skins are to be sent up this very day to the furrier, and as soon as dressed, will be spread in our parlors to remind us of a friend whose love was not chilled even by the cold of the Arctic region.

Sincerely yr
Henry M. Field.

The Rev. Robt. de Schweinitz.

Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 11 1891

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Acknowledging your favor of the 10th inst., I beg to thank you very much for the Map of Alaska which you have kindly sent me. It is exceedingly interesting to me and our Board to have all the Mission and School stations located, and we shall find it very useful for reference.

With kind regards from my family and self I am

very sincerely yours
Robt de Schweinitz.

P.S. I have also received the Report of Dr Harris and that of the Governor of Alaska, both of which interest me greatly

Nov. 13, 1891.

2 WEST FIFTY-SECOND STREET.

Dear Dr. Jackson,—

My Mother Mrs. Shepard, begs me to say to you that she will be most happy to see you here on Monday, (the 16th) at two o'clock, if you will call then.

With Pendrell

remembrance.

Ever sincerely yours,

M. Louise Chauffeur

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

November 12, 1891.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
General Agent of Education for Alaska,
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I have received, with your compliments, certain papers in reference to Alaskan matters. The object of this letter is to make one or two inquiries in reference to certain marked passages in a communication from the Department of the Interior headed, "Non Mineral Entrees in Alaska." As you are familiar with these matters I wish you would, on receipt of this, write me if anything more is necessary for this Board to do in order to acquire title to property to our mission stations in Alaska? I believe 640 acres of land have been set aside for our use at Chilkat. I think you surveyed our lot at Sitka. Just what has been done at Jackson I do not know. If you will take up this matter at your convenience and let me know just what more the Board is to do in this matter, I will be obliged to you.

Awaiting your reply, I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. K. Baird

Treasurer.

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H. H. Phelps, Esq.
Winchester, N. H.
Nov. 12, 1872.

Dr. Sir

Dear Sir:

While on Thursday
I wished you if you
would send the news
by express which I
think, would save
very little in comparison
with the difference.
I am to that extent

some of our ladies of the Female Home Missionary Society, and they are greatly pleased with the prospect of having you on that subject, and wish me to write asking you what will be the expense to the society of your coming. Our treasury has funds to raise money for the Home which is to be built in Omaha next

spring, and we shall be glad to increase it to five hundred if possible.

Will you kindly write if it will be convenient for you to come to us about the middle of December?

Our early season will probably

Yours Respectfully

(Mrs.) Elizabeth R. Brown

Lock Box 7.
Inwood Lyon Co. Iowa

Inwood, Ia. Nov. 17. 1891

Dr. Jackson -
Washington D.C.
Dear Bro. in Christ.
Reached home Sat. Nov. 14th.
Among my accumulated mail was the beautiful Map of Alaska (many thanks) and your letter of the 7th.

How much I regretted not being able to visit you in your home on the evening I planned to do so, you can scarcely imagine. I think I informed you that my hostess had invited Mrs. Daggett to her home through kindness to me mainly, as we had often spoken of Mrs. Daggett & I had expressed my admiration of ~~her~~ many traits of her character. Mrs. Tilden said "You are welcome to invite your friend to dinner at any time with my compliments."

The afternoon session held unusually late that evening but Mrs. Daggett ~~went~~ accompanied me to dinner as she had two or three days previous chosen that day because it was the only day she would be at liberty so it would be possible for her to go with me.

Dinner was always served at half past five. Immediately afterwards I explained that I had agreed to meet you at your home at six as you were to leave town that evening & asked to be excused for an hour.

Mrs. Daggett insisted on accompanying me if I event saying she was too weary to attend the evening service. I knowing the dear old lady had taken the trouble to accept Mrs. Tilden's invitation to accompany me to tea that evening because it was the only one at command & through much weariness I felt it would be an

unpardonable breach of courtesy, yes almost of civility except the case were imperative which I could not claim for that engagement although I so much desired some curios for the better furnishing of attractions to win & hold the attention of the people to those poor Alaskans for which I desire to secure material aid by raising of money this year. I would willingly pay several dollars if they were to be purchased but as I understand they are not attainable except through the kindness of one on the ground, therefore this would be my only opportunity this Spring. Added to this was the desire to have a remembrance of my visit to

your office & home for be assured. My dear Bro. in Christ.
I hold with most exalted respect & appreciation
your kind, valuable, patient & long continued
painstaking in behalf of the interests of our W.H.M.S. work
in Alaska. It was a severe trial to not keep my
engagement & go to your home at six o'clock that
evening, because of my anxiety to do all possible
for our Alaska & I thought those would surely
help and be the two fold treasure of aid for
that work & as souvenirs.

I entirely forgot to ask you about
whether I was to cash the order for those Alaskan photos
or pay on receipt. Am sorry for this but if you
will inform me I will comply with terms.
Hope I may receive them soon so I can be
using them.

Found that beautiful Map of Alaska
& am very appreciative of that also the book &
pamphlet you let me have. I enclose Sub.
for "The North Star" - Don't allow one miss number,
please. Yours in His Work - Mrs. J. T. Negus.

Pittsburgh Pa

Nov 17th 71

Rev Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir & Bro:-

Yours of 17th just received, I return thanks for your kindness in offering to come to Pittsburg for the sake of my little boy Husband and I have done, in the interest of Alaska. Besides, I have lost some of my interest in the Rev. H. We must earnestly use our influence, and lend our aid to ~~the~~ encourage those who are interested, in your Missions, which is united with so much pleasure, I am simply a little disheartened, Ever

Did you see the union I speak of this Things is for confidentially and would not and I think Highland Heights" Rev and it is but right to Mrs. D. and yourself to know just how the situation, &c

Yours T.C.H.

since my first conversation with you, on board the Steamer Ocean Sitka bound, in which you urged me, to write Mrs Daggett, and use my influence to hasten the finding of that long promised home. I have been untiring in my efforts, to raise money, and ceaseless in prayer for speedy opening of the work. Mrs Daggett has worked nobly, you need money most evidently, I've pleaded, and begged, and wept and prayed. that that "Home" be sent. No one knows through what discouragements she has had to go this way, had we with less faith and zeal, been left of the Bureau, I should have ceased my efforts two years ago, ~~that~~ not because I believed the Cause unworthy of my efforts but because of the apathy and indif

fence of every one concerned save Mrs. L. It seemed impossible, in view of the difficulties that she should ever succeed, and for two years, I have continued my efforts, because I felt it would be wicked to desert one so brave and loyal to a cause as she. I do feel cause to thank God, that in His Providence the humble Petition was sent to Washington, God was preparing better things for the faithful Sisters of the Alaska Mission, and He used you wonderfully on that morning to touch hearts and draw purses, in the interest of that work.

I confess I was disheartened. For a little while I thought "what is the use of holding this first aid, and taking pledges, and raising money, when those who have the Power, may fail to send the "Home" But today I received a letter from Dr. Dagett and she will go to Unalaska

ing the Bd. will allow her, and I trust they will. If she goes the cause will prosper, for she has a strange power, to "move people to help." Her sister today spoke of some addresses received in Boston, she says, "the best she ever listened to on the subject." I will not see our Ex.Bd. till Friday afternoon, but will ask for leave to hold Thurs. Evening & Sat. for us, I have written already to secure a central Church, but have not yet heard if it can be had. We have also written the young Lady of Columbus Ohio, that we hoped to have you with us on Thursday evening, and they could have you Friday, I am sure we can easily raise the travelling expenses from Washington, and have a little left to apply to our local mission work.

I pray you, do not disappoint us now, for already some are ex

feeling for. Come prepared to give us your best thoughts and stories, and especially tell us all concerning our own Especial field. It's in the busiest time of the year, and the Convention are being used constantly, will know if the Ch. can be had by Friday. Do, use your influence for Mrs. D. Some one has been saying harmful things of her working ability, to the Ex Board, for one that can fill her place. Just at this stage of the work,

Let me hear from you soon and I will write you positively of the action of the Nat. Ex. Bd. tomorrow night. I sent a note to you I wished to hear from. Cor. Chd.

Yes, I know exactly where to reach by mail, I only have three addresses, will risk sending this to Washington by special delivery.

Yours, in the work

Mrs. J. Hamilton

"Highland Heights"
Pittsburgh Pa
Nov. 20th '91

Dr. Sheldon Jackson:
Dear Sir & Bro:-
It is with great pleasure, that I announce to you the action of the Con. Bd. W. H. M. S. which met this afternoon. They unanimously desire you to come. I hope you will not allow anything to hinder, as we shall begin immediately to advertise your coming. Please let me know when W.H.M. exactly when to expect you. So we have decided to hold an evening meeting, and will expect you to fill all the time.

Yours most sincerely
Mrs. S. Hamilton

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

Nov. 20, 1891.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:—

I shall not leave New York until about Tuesday, the 24th. inst. Must see you if possible. There are many matters that can be best talked over, that could not be put into writing with clear definition.

Yours sincerely,
Alfred Docking.

Sitka Alaska Nov 20th 1891

Dear Dr Jackson.

All your letters Oct 10th 20th & 22d reached me by last Steamer She came in on Sunday & I could not reply by return mail. The Steamers reach this place very frequently of late. The mail one is due on that day. Glad to hear from you again & to know that you are back safe & sound from your long & perilous trip ~~from~~ to the Arctic. Disappointed not to see you here. Fred Moore is here, expected to meet you. Is all at sea. Expected to go to Bayou to do Mission work this winter, had made arrangements to marry some girl of Mrs Willards selection about Xmas. Did not raise any money here last Summer from the tourists for him They were not a giving crowd for some reason. Think affairs at Wrangel had something to do with it. I do not know

over

how to advise Fred. I think he ought to be sent to Bayonne, Have a building say 30 × 50 put up to be used for church & school purposes. Fred ought to have a fixed salary, so that there could be no cause of dissatisfaction afterwards I believe he could do much more in the school room & at mission work there than any white man you will be likely to get. I hear that Mr Calvin has left the field - completely discouraged I think, and yet he seemed to be well qualified for the work & full of zeal for the Master's service. I have advised Fred to apply for the school of Judge Shakely and have written to him myself recommending him for the position. I believe that Fred could do better work in the school there for the next three years than any white man you can get - if he chooses to do so - Then if you could send him some money and have him get the Natives to bring the logs this winter & have them ready for

you to put up the building next Spring when you come, it might be well! Have our Church nearly ready to paint on the inside. Have sent to a lumber firm in Port Townsend for pews for the lower floor, in a knock-down state. Found I could get them about as cheap, as I could buy the lumber to make them. Will have to use stoves for heating purposes at present; I wrote to Wadhams & Co to find out the cost to warm a building of that size. He sent me an estimate of a Portland firm-Boyle-ton Co I think.- It was only $700*
I requested Mr Docking who has gone East to look at stoves used for drying hops in Washington & Oregon. Think they will do. I have collected $120* from the boys as follows. Wm Wells $50* Rudolph Walton. $30* John Willard $40* Donald & Thomas have not returned to Sitka yet. Donald is at Killisnoo

and Thomas at Chilcat, don't know what they have done. Rudolph & Howard went on the Leo this summer & were turned back from Bering Sea. They were to have a share of the Catch – They were gone two months, had their eat, gained much experience, but no money. They went to get money to pay on their houses, and returned with very sick Tum-tums. Will send you the money by this Steamer, or the next one. # have given them receipts in your name for A – Told them you would send them receipts, and they would return the axes I have given them. So please send receipts to me & I will exchange them. I suppose you have seen our Docking ere this. School is very much run down, only about seventy boys & the time of quite a number will expire in the Spring, others are small like Healy etc – Wood will only last us until Xmas. The boys were frolicking last summer & now I am obliged to send them up Indian River to get wood. They have been wet to the skin the past three days & it was so cold last night that it froze our water pipes. I consider it criminal mismanagement.

It seems to be my lot to stand in the breach when any hard knocks are to be received. I hope they will finish this work to day. I do not like to bear the responsibility of sending the boys to do such work. Think at the very least, that it is manslaughter in the first degree. I am praying for them, and filling them with strong ginger tea. Great the ginger will help them, if the prayers fail. Willie came back looking well. Have a funeral to attend to morrow of one of our Ranch people, his son is in the Guard house for thirty days & I believe he is perfectly innocent. O! can you not get the President to order Judge Pickinpaugh on to Washington that he may learn (the President) how disgraceful some of the officials act. Our commissioner here is utterly unfit for the place. He is as deaf as a post to begin with. Capt Harrington who commands the U.S. Maines is some relation to Rogers. The Captain has been admitted to the Bar

since he came here, he is a typical Capt Jenks of the horse marines, and between him, Commissioner Rogers, and that Russian ~~alien~~ Alien Interpreter Geo Kostromitinoff (You know something of his record) you can imagine the kind of justice the natives have dispensed to them. The most exorbitant fines for trifling offences. Drunken soldiers let off with a trifle – while the poor native is flayed –. It does seem as if death ~~was~~ is the only mercy they can hope for. I dont think Judge Rickenspaugh will stay much longer unless some changes are made here. Investigating committees are no use here. People are afraid to tell what they know. Money and whisky will do most anything. I am heart sick at times over these matters. Then I think the Lord reigns, and I am not responsible for them. Have had so many interruptions while writing this hardly know what I have said, or how I have said it, but know you will be charitable with me. Mrs Austin, is busy under difficulties. We both send love to you & yours, Sincerely Yours

A. E. Austin

WOMAN'S

Home Missionary Society

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church.

(ALASKAN BUREAU.)

Boston, Nov 23rd 1891

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Juneau Alaska Nov 24: 1891

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Nov 2 is at hand. I wrote by last steamer when I learned that you had returned from the arctic and in this letter from you I have an answer though you could not have received mine when you wrote. The letter you wrote me concerning the manuscript I never received. It must have gotten lost. I am glad you have the story and that it has not been published as there can now be additions put to it (The story is from life). Please mail it to me and Mrs Willard will "wind it up" a little differently I will inclose stamps to have it registered

I thank you for the Governors report They are scarce here in Alaska yet I think your favors have supplied all that are at present in Juneau. I only suppose you have sent one to Mr Heid. Mr Heid and I will write you

soon as to our news in regard to schools here in Juneau. Miss Rickling is a fairly good teacher but our schools are not as good as they have been. Judge Strakley asked me how I liked his change of teachers here and at Douglas I have not written him. He did the best he could but neither of them are of much account only excuses. I refer to Mrs Clark & Mrs Adams

We are in fairly good health. and very busy the Home is full Our Sunday and weekly services are well attended this week, besides Sabbath services, will look like this Monday funeral Tuesday regular Village prayermeeting, Wednesday regular weekly prayermeeting, Thursday Thanksgiving meeting in evening, and for the rest nothing more than regular routine so far as I know.

Fraternally

Eugene S. Willard

Sitka, Alaska, Nov. 24, 1891

Mr. & Mrs. Jackson,

My Dear Friends,

We are all quite well our little ones are growing nicely. John tries to repeat almost all the words he hears. Hugh is a great romping boy of nine months without teeth.

Sister Cassia is working hard as usual in school. Gertrude has been assisting her by teaching the primary department ever since she has been strong enough.

Your kind letter was very welcome. We were however litterly disappointed not to see you this fall.

We hope you are now all quite well and we hear that

you all are happy in living together.

Mr. Bruce dined with us last evening. His wife had made the acquaintance of a friend of ours and in consequence we invited him to our house.

At the time when we were in such great trouble, the Bugbees and some others tried to work up a feeling against Cassie in the school, it troubled her greatly at first but she has gone on bravely, and is now succeeding nicely and is feeling well and happy. Lahnde is much interested in the little tots and they are improving nicely.

We find life very hard without the comfort and companionship of our darling mother. But we feel how kind and good a Heavenly Father to spare her all the sorrow and suffering we have passed through.

No doubt you have heard repeat about Gertrude's trouble in fact you mentioned it in your letter. Poor child has been most unhappy since her marriage.

Georges ungovernable temper and thoroughly selfish disposition were a source of constant misery to her. But she never told us it was only when here child was born that we saw for ourselves, and then he was so cruel that he had to be arrested in order to save her life. Papa was unable to have her and so Mr. B— had to swear out the warrant and that this the way in which they saddled the suit on him and connected his name so unpleasantly with the affair in the papers. Oh! how we suffered. Mr. Knapp bought Georges house, took the piano that George had given Gertrude, took all of Gertrudes personal property from the house (that is after Gertrude went to Papa's house) and up to this date keeps many little things that Mama had given her.

and he upholds his son in keeping from Lotude $500 which she had before her marriage.

Mr. B— thanks you for Governor's report evidently he thinks the Commission of Education does not know her to order affairs quite as well as Lyman C. Knapp.

There come a publication to our little town by this steamer, devoted to a showing up of Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brady & W. Myers. I have not seen a copy.

Mr. Kelly has gone, we miss him very much Mr. Stanley seems somewhat out of time he is a very good man I think, but proves himself capable of making mistakes by having made a few. I hope he may get balanced alright. Pardon this scribbling I have a baby on my knee.

Mr. Hocking spent two weeks here

If I had not met so many people here who did not mean I would tell you that I like him. He seems very earnest. He and Mr. Brady had several long talks.

Mrs. Dorching seems to be a very pleasant lady. I have only met her once. I do not have much time to visit.

Some of the natives have been having great trouble. They do not seem to be able to get justice in the court.

Mr. Austin was quite wrought up about one case and spoke rather plainly to Commissioner Rogers but I don't if he heard him. He is extremely deaf of one ear and can hear with the "other". We have made some changes in our business, have made some exchanges with Stifford and Baer. Have now half of the building where

in here, and the building between it and the Custom House, the garden lot and stable; the store property at Juneau, the saw mill and all belongings, are not connected with Mr. Hilford anyway only in the Leg. and Mr. B owns 2/3 of that.

Our new house is almost ready for us to move into we hope to move in by Christmas.

The sawmill has been running steadily for three months, there is now more of a demand for lumber than can be supplied, Mr. B has put in an application for a quantity of one hundred and sixty acres, if that goes through alright and we can see no reason why it should not it will give us a title to the ground where our new house stands.

Well I must close this for I know your time is too valuable to take

up much of it this way.

The Austins are well.

Mr. Perkinsaugh has never disappointed us.

I have not visited Mrs. Vanderbilt's school much this year. She sometimes speaks of having had a good attendance. The School Board here seems to be quite interested I think you will be pleased with them.

The Haydens are still in Silko. I have always been afraid of knowing them too well.

The Hatchs are good Western people. Mr. Hatch has been absent for a month on a tour around at the different foundries the regular steamer touches.

Mr. B sends kind remembrances to all. He sends you all a Merry Christmas. Love

Yours, Very sincerly Mrs. J. H. Brady.

J. G. Heid.
Attorney-at-Law.

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Juneau, Alaska, Nov 24th 1891

Dr Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of the 28th ult. was received.

There is no thing in the rumor of a "Convention", it has never been spoken of, I think Meyers at one time mentioned it in his paper, but there the matter dropped, however if such should come up, will be there and stand out for our local school boards. It seems to me that the system works smoothly and to good advantage.

I will frankly say, that the Governor is not true to himself and consequently can not be honest when dealing with others; I never dreamed that the Governor would prove such a hypocrit.

A new school building is sadly needed here, so help us to secure the appropriation for one, to be built next spring.

I will see that the square reserved for public school purposes, shall not be interfered with, when a survey of the town shall be made.

Accept my thanks for the Circulars & Governors Report.

The girl Emma, who was turned over to the notorious bawd called "Jack" (E.H. Bogues) by Judge Bugbee in the Habeas Corpus proceedings vs Mr. Kelly, was ruined by "Jack" and now leads a life of shame. How long, Oh how long! must we endure Bugbee?

Respectfully
J. G. Heid

Mount-Auburn-Institute,
H. THANE MILLER, Pres't.

Cincinnati, November- 24- 1891.

My dear Doctor Jackson:

I owe you a thousand apologies and an expression of as many regrets that I did not see you after the lecture before you left for the station. I was necessarily called away from the company and expected certainly to meet and thank you for the very great pleasure you had afforded me in connection with every one who had heard you at the Institute. Your lecture was not only exceedingly instructive but entertaining as well.

Your hurried departure that evening for the train leaves me no other way to thank you than this poor expression of my great enjoyment in meeting and hearing you.

I take the liberty of mailing you some of our little school-papers, "The Round Table" for your perusal. A notice of your visit to Mount Auburn will be found in our next issue.

Yours sincerely,

H. Thane Miller
per E.

Dictated.

Sitka, Alaska, November 24th 1891.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D. C.

Dear doctor:-

I expect to leave here on the steamer in the morning for Juneau, and may continue my way on to Mary Island, and ~~continue~~ ~~my~~ may return to Juneau on next boat to finish up.

Have just written a letter to Gen. Rathbone giving him my observations along the route between here and Unalaska, and suggested the names of several persons as post-masters. I wish you would call on him and see how far my views agree with yours. Have suggested that perhaps you would see him in reference to the matter.

Have passed a very pleasant two weeks here. Took dinner with Mr. Brady's family lase evening. They expect soon to move into their new house.

With kind regards to your family, and hoping that you are enjoying good health, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Francis W. Pruden

San Jose, Cal.
Nov. 27, 1891

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,—

I have just received from Sitka the letters you forward me there.

I have asked Mr. J. A. Shields to look after the curiosities as you directed in regard to them. Mr. Shields and Mr Gamble knows where your mail, goods and belongings were kept. If there is anything you have not received write them. They will take pleasure in attending to matters for you.

I paid Mosbacher the money you left for him but never got the plate and photoes from him.

I did not like the pictures very well, I left a plate of my own in

the drawer for you with your mail.

Befor I left I had been urging the boys to make you a payment on their cottages when you came. They promised to do so. I think I told you I took Pauls cottage from him and had him cancel the contract.

He has been in jail twice and is a hopeless case I think.

I accept the check for deficit of North Star and will enclose receipt for same. I return you the check for ($90.12/100) ninety 12/100. That bill was paid by you excepting the six dollars at Mills. The bill was fomarded you to Washington and the receipt or perhaps receipted bill sent you at Unalaska. There is nothing due excepting the six for a keg of nails and since you are so generous regarding the North Star I do not wish you to send the six dollars. It will take I think about twenty dollars to complete the last cottage.

I never heard from the Illinois note which you kindly sent to a lawyer

in Galesburg for collection.

I am in no hurry about a position unless I get the appointment of Wrangell. This steamer I wrote Governor Knapp, Hon. Peckinpaugh, Johnson and Porter asking each separately to recommend me to be appointed commissioner at Wrangell. When I get my testimonials together I shall try to have a Congressman or United States Senator present them to the President.

I saw Judge Sheakley on my way down, of course he does not know that I have any thought of trying for his place, and less that you suggested it.

I found him very sore because Rev. McKay is retained at Wrangle. He reflected upon the Board and indirectly upon you and upon us all in this matter. He said he supposed he would not be recommissioned but he was anxious to see you and intended to ask to be retained as Assistant Superintendent at a salary of ($1500) fifteen hundred per annum. Brady writes me that Sheakley visited Sitka lately and that he did not

like his attitude, that if there was a chance he would not be surprised if Sheakley, the Governor and the Judges would join forces against you. It is perhaps just as well that you did not return via Sitka, so far as your own pleasure is concerned.

I am enjoying the sunshine in California. I have visited the Stanford University, also the Lick Observatory, the Normal School here and a county teachers' institute. I will visit some of the San Francisco schools and do the city generally next week. I hope to see Mr. Stevenson there. He is having his eye cared for and will then return to Sitka.

I expect to return to Portland, Or. about the middle of December.

With kind regards for self and family, I remain,

Very Sincerely yours,

W. A. Kelly

I intend to see that the Museum is named after you. Not being there I have said nothing about what you say relating to the cooper shop.

Ack

Custom-House, Sitka, Alaska,

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Nov. 30th 1891.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Washington

Dear Sir

I am indeed sorry that you were not able to pay us a visit at Sitka this fall as I should have been glad to confer with you on various subjects.

I have been very busy getting myself informed and my force organized for effective work. It is something of a disappointment to me that we are able to accomplish so little in the way of restricting the Liquor traffic. —

you understand the sentiment here and how hard it is to get a conviction through the courts. I am inclined to believe that either the Pennsylvania or Nebraska liquor laws applied here would produce a better result than our present law. To make the present law effective will require at least one steam patrol boat that is quick enough to run down any thing in the smuggling business. There are many small sail boats that are regularly in the traffic, and they make a practice of peddling to the Indians in out of the way places, doing infinite harm

harm, and there is no way to catch them at our command, in any event the Customs officers alone will never be able to controll this business which makes trouble every where, it will require the united effort of every branch of the Government.

If I am confirmed (as I hope to be) it is possible I may come to Washington this winter, if so will be glad to talk over these things with you.

All join in regards to you

Very Truly Yours

E. P. Hatch

Collector